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MOSCOW. FEB 25 (REUTERS) -- A RUSSIAN

THAT HE WAS TRICKED INTO WORKING FOR THE AMERICANS TO TELEVISION VIEWERS TONIGHT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS "SECRET EARS" IN EVERY CONTINENT.

RANAZAN MAMEDOVICH KURBANOV, 50, SAID A NETWORK OF U.S. RADIO LISTENING STATIONS INTERCEPTED COMMUNIST BROADCASTS, TELEGRAMS AND EVEN TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

IN AN INTERVIEW, HE SAID HE WORKED FOR 18 YEARS AT A U.S. LISTENING POST IN CYPRUS BEFORE REJOINING HIS

WIFE AND SON IN THE SOVIET UNION.
HE DECLARED THAT THE AMERICANS HAD OTHER "SPY STATIONS" IN BRITAIN, WEST GERMANY, AUSTRIA, KENYA, OKINAWA, AND LATIN AMERICA.

KURBANOV SAID HE WAS TRICKED INTO WORKING FOR THE AMERICAN FOREIGN BROADCASTING INFORMATION SERVICE IN 1952 AFTER HAVING REMAINED IN THE WEST AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II.

HE SAID THE SPY STATIONS LISTENED TO SHIPS RADIO TOPERATORS, PILOTS TALKING TO BASES AND ANYTHING ELSE THEY CAME ACROSS. THEY WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ECONOMIC INFORMATION, HE SAID.

SECRET DECODING WORK ON TELEGRAMS WAS DONE ONLY BY AMERICANS, BUT FOREIGN RECRUITS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS TRANSLATORS, HE ADDED. KURBANOV SAID THERE WERE POLES, UKRAINIANS, ARMENIANS, YUGOSLAVS, ARABS, BULGARIANS, AND ALBANIANS WORKING

AT THE CYPRUS STATION. HE CALLED ON THEM TO GIVE UP THE WORK ZND RETURN TO THEIR HOMELANDS.

HE ALSO SAID SEVERAL AMERICAN DIPLOMATS WERE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENC. AND DENOUNCED WHAT HE CALLED THE "WEB OF INTRIQUES" BY THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE TO DISRUPT ARAB UNITY L.R. 4:23P

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